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#### REASON STILL AT WORK.

WHAT threatened to be a Black Friday in British industrial history developed a rift in the Triple Alliance of labor, and the rift averted a triple-headed strike.

The railway and transport workers refused to stand with the miners in repudiating the offer of Secretary Hodges of the miners' organization to discuss the question of wages without insisting on the national pool issue. The result was a breach which left the railway and transport men declaring for conference and compromise, while it revealed the miners as more radical than their own Secretary.

The hopeful sign in this is the indication that British labor is by no means solidly for throwing away reason and staking all on a fight.

The most serious aspect of the situation was the tendency toward a general drawing together of all kinds of workers for a test of strength that must sooner or later have become a class conflict. A dispute over miners' wages threatened to grow into a social struggle with Government itself involved.

A sense of justice, quickened no doubt by the attitude of the British public, brought two member groups of the Triple Alliance to a realization that fair play for the third might still be secured by better means than paralyzing the whole United Kingdom.

The danger is not over. The miners seem stilt bent on fighting it out. But at least other British workers are showing themselves ready to say whether they think a given proposition reasonable or unreasonable and to act accordingly, even though they go against affiliated organizations.

That is something for the miners to ponder before they decide to ride rough-shod over their own representatives unless the latter stick to an ironbound policy of "no compromise."

Senate and Assembly having both passed the Mayer resolution, legislative investigation of this city's affairs is assured. That such investigation is needed there is not the smallest doubt. That it shall be the right kind and not mere indoor sports for a group of party politicians ought to be the insistent demand of city and State.

#### BUY NEW BOOKS.

One of the causes of decreased circulation to the lack of funds with which to buy new books and replace old ones.

The book stocks of the branch libraries have become depleted and badly worn and the cost of books has increased enormously in the iast few years; and the appropriations in the City Budget for the purchase of books have not been sufficient to enable the Circulation Department to keep pace with the demands

These sentences from the report of the Trustees of the New York Public Library tell a story which ought not to be repeated another year.

The mere fact of the high cost of books is the best reason for liberal expenditures by the Circulawon Department.

If book costs have increased enormously, there is an added incentive to borrow. Persons who would otherwise buy are forced to borrow.

Ten dollars spent by the library will permit perhaps fifty persons to read a good book, while the same sum spent by an individual may provide reading for only one.

The book-buying list of the Circulation Department of the Public Library is one place where penny-pinching in budget-making is the worst sort of false economy.

If Mayor Hylan were asked to comment on these sections of the report he would, very probably, reiterate his now famous reply, "Don't ask me nothing."

Few will weep over the cruelty of harassing the mind of Mr. Brindell in Sing Sing with the prospect of a greatly extended stay there if he fails to produce the "little black book."

#### THE RUBBER STAMPS REST.

WHEN the newspapers announce to-morrow that the Legislature has adjourned, it will not have the usual meaning. It will merely signify that the Chief Executive of the State has stopped legislating.

Never in the history of the State has there been a time when the Governor ruled the State more absolutely and openly than for the last three months.

Whatever the balance of debit and credit for the laws written, the praise or blame does not belong to the Legislature. It belongs to Gov, Miller.

The legislative programme has been the Goverbor's programme. He has not been an "easy boss." He has been strong to the point of ruthlessness. In the majority there have been none to say him nay.

Consideration of measures in committee has been perfunctory. There has been comparatively little "log-rolling." Measures have been prepared in the York?

Executive offices and sent to the Legislature with a curt order to "pass and return."

Private bills have been enacted or rejected at the discretion of the Governor. Little bosses from up-State have made no combines. When they got what they wanted it was as the result of earning the good-will of the Governor by their own

For all practical purposes, the Legislature might as well have met and adjourned, leaving the Governor a blank check to use at his discretion.

Whether the record is good or bad, it is Gov.

As for the Legislature, most of the majority members are worthy only of contempt. They were not representatives. With few exceptions they were "rubber stamps."

The Legislature and Gov. Miller easily straightened out the little mix-up between the new Rent Laws and the Civil Practice Act. The Rent Laws were saved because there wasn't a scintilla of a doubt that they must be saved.

#### WHY NOT BY FEDERAL BOARD?

DRESIDENT HARDING'S message to Congress contained no word of advice on immigration

Omission of so important a subject probably means that Mr. Harding proposes to study the matter and supplement his opening recommendations with a special message.

Immigration policy is certainly one of the half dozen most momentous and far-reaching questions now before the country.

Present restriction is satisfactory to no one. It does not restrict immigration enough to satisfy the restrictionists and exclusionists. It does not select the immigrants according to the idea of the selectionists. It does not throw open the door to satisfy the exploiters. It does not even afford adequate safeguards for public health.

The literacy test is a purely mechanical agency. It is the result of unintelligent political compromise. This lack of intelligence and the oversupply of polities have been the principal faults of all our adventures in immigration legislation.

Congressional direction of immigration fles back of all our failures. Congress from its very nature cannot be expected to manage immigration control in an effective and sensible fashion.

Congress cannot know about the immigration problem because the problem changes from day to day. Congress itself changes from year to year. Intelligent regulation of immigration requires expert, up-to-date information and a continuous but flexible policy of control.

In most Congressional districts there are small homogeneous groups of voters who themselves emigrated to this country. These in general have definite views on immigration in its relation to their friends and relatives in other countries. These groups exercise an effective control on members of Congress. In districts where foreign-born voters hold the balance of power Congressmen are not permitted to consider immigration as a national problem but only as it relates to this compact group

Congress has a way out. The Evening World has suggested the creation of a Federal Board to govern immigration with powers as broad as those of the Federal Reserve Board.

Once Congress delegates its powers of investigation, regulation and administration of immigrant control to such a board, the question will cease to be political and may be handled intelligently and from the viewpoint of national advantage.

#### WOULD UNCLE TOM "GET BY"?

IN THE current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, L. B. Yates has an entertaining narrative on "Tom Shows," the lineal descendants of the touring companies that played "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

How many of the older generation in the city have witnessed a performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and how few of the children have thrilled over Eliza crossing the ice before the pursuing bloodhounds?

Mr. Yates says, "As the years went by this forceful play reached the end of its tether, so far as the sophisticated audiences of the big cities were con-

But is Mr. Yates right? Isn't there one more length of the tether even in the biggest of big cities, New York? Wouldn't a revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on Broadway take as a novelty, as something new because it is so old?

Wouldn't fathers and mothers attend "for old times sake"? And wouldn't they take the children for the same reason they take them to the circus year after year?

Twenty or thirty years ago "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was more than a stirring drama. It was an American tradition. Traditions die hard even in America.

Would a revival of the original and unmodified "Uncle Tom's Cabin" get only jeers from New

# Re-Naming the Old Gold Brick! By John Cassel



### From Evening World Readers

What kind of a letter do you find most readable! Isn't it the one that gives you the worth of a thousand words in a couple of hundred! There is fine mental exercise and a lot of satisfaction in trying to say much in a few words. Take time to be brief.

A Wonderful Phrase.

To the Editor of The Evening World

Acting District Attorney Banton is reported as having said: "If the people don't want prohibition, then by strict enforcement it will prove so objectionable that shey will rise up to this law.

I have a very wide acquaintance and do a good deal of travelling, meeting all classes of people, and I have not as yet met one who is in favor of this new Miller law. objectionable that they will rise up

"Vote it out."
"Vote it out." is a wonderful phrase, especially when heard from a prohibi-

nnocent convict, the same recourse save others, eft to the people—to use violence in I imagine egaining their liberty. This seems first to call egaining their liberty. This seems first to call for aid when in trubeurd to those who can only look as Yet he does not consider this. far ahead as the coming midnight.

Nevertheless, discontent is the seed from which grows revolution, and paying. What is tax money in such seeds have been scattered about in abundant quantities, not free of charge, but in exchange for hard-earned dollars. W. BROOK. April 13, 1931.

#### A Willing Taxpayer.

the Editor of The Evening World

f feeling and self-respect would com- appearance? ain to pay a bit more to aid those he are the first to be called upon hen danger is near. I am also a taxpayer and a poor widow, but my last thought would not make me complain of such a thing when there are New a many other things to be complained

#### A Matter of Style.

fo the Editor of The Evening World: Mrs. Mary Brown and Mrs. E. B. make me tired. Short skirts are santary, graceful and stylish. The trouble is when a style comes out that certain "big, fat matrons" can't wear certain "big, fat mairons" can't wear and girls with slim limbs can wear, the old "cats" taboo it and say it's indecent. Mrs. Brown's daughters to two up-to-date daughters have my sympathy. "Guers Mary never what girlish and sweet."

DISGUSTED ANNIE.

Wents to Flood the Courts.

To use Editor of the Evening World:

I would suggest that all those who are against the new Probibition law aflow themselves to be arrested so that there will be so many cases on that with "most girls it is the case there'd be less burden on taxpayers that there will be so many cases on that with "most girls it is the case."

I will ask, Are you the "monkey" home.

I did urge mothers with flighty daughters to take them across their knee and spank them. Wiful and importance in girls ought to be spanked. Our disciplinary courts are full of cases of incorrigible girls for all manner of offenses. If the mothers of these girls would use the slipper or hard there will be so many cases on that with "most girls it is the case."

that there will be so many cases on that with "most girls it is the case in keeping up institutions of corrective calendar that they will never be of monkey sees, monkey does." Well, the police will then be tired I am thankful to God I did not raise of making arrests. A few thousand mankeys instead of doubt and raise of making arrests. A few thousand mankeys instead of doubt and raise of the case in the case in the case in keeping up institutions of correction for girls. of making arrosts. A few thousand monkeys instead of daughters. The New York, April 11, 1921,

### arrests a day would soon put an end

Always on Dangerous Duty.

To the Editor of The Evening World: on enforcer, but in this instance it is I want to contradict "Taxpayer," ke sentencing an innocent man to who complains that the raise in firee may get out peacoably by walking men's and policemen's salaries is too he may get out peaceably by walking out, or violently by breaking out. There is not much chance of his danger that a fireman or policeman walking out peaceably. Neither is dares? An ordinary workman may there much chance of the people votng out prohibition, when this right and opportunity has been denied obey. Whether in uniform always on duty, whether in uniform or civilian dress. He is always hem.
One other recourse is left to the risking his life in heroic effort to

I imagine this taxpayer is always only thought is that he must pay ar

The Matter of Make-Up. To the Editor of The Evening World:

I would be very interested in knowing why the average person of to-day is so narrow minded. Do they think I read the cynical letter of a Brook-yn taxpayer, who complained about that if a girl dresses attractively, rouges, powders and usos other cos-metics, she isn't respectable? They he firemen's and policemen's raise of surely are mistaken. I am a young salary. This person does not think all sorts of cosmetics and also wear of the time when every common workman earned more than they did. He does not realize that their lives are always in danger. It is true that they have a home to sleep in, but when they leave it God only knows if they always in danger. It is true that they six members of my family and de have a home to sleep in, but when louse work. I am in bed every night they leave it, God only knows if they at 10.30. Does it mean that because I person with the smallest atom able and nothing on my mind but my I had excellent parental training as

Never judge a girl by her appearance. "Make-up" does not make one larespectable. ATTRACTIVE New York, April 13, 1921.

Not a "Monkey" Trans.

To the Editor of The Seeing World:

In reply to "Old Fashioned Country
Mother," I'll inform her with pleasure, I am a mother of six girls, from mothers in this city. Will you get mothers to twenty-five. I raise them ob-dience and co-operation from your daughters? If not, then you are a daughters? If not, then you are a sincker. You neglect a duty most important the simplified in your by good example, education, love and daughters? If not, then you are a name influence. I did not forget slacker. You neglect a duty most important in instilling discipline in your

I will ask, Are you the "monkey" whom your two up-to-date daughters imitate? If you have a regular routine of your work you will have

### **UNCOMMON SENSE**

By John Blake

(Copyright, 1991, by John Blake ) EVEN GENIUS HAS LIMITATIONS.

There are things you can do in this world and things you cannot do. The sooner you find out what they are the more likely you are to accomplish something useful.

Science first discovers where are the stone walls beyond which no human mind can pass, then proceeds along pathways not thus obstructed. And science is steadily progress-

But even genius has distinct limitations, and knows them. "The only way to argue with the cast wind," says

Lowell, "is to put on your overcoat." And the only way to argue with the hard facts of the world is to adapt yourself If you find that by making effort, even colossal and

almost superhuman effort, you can make men better or happier, the effort is worth making. There would have been no progress in the world if such effort had not been put But all the effort you could summon would not stop

or stop the steady movement of a glacier toward the bottom of the valley in which its course is laid. It is not needful to think that your limitations are less than those of other men of like talents. But it is needful to know what human limitations are and not strive to pass

the world from revolving on its axis, or turn back the tides,

beyond them. Men by unflagging effort have found that it was possible to fly, to talk almost around the world without wires, to travel from one place to another as easily as do the birds. But they have never learned to curb earthquakes or to

turn the courses of rivers against the pull of gravitation. There is no arguing with a mad dog. There is no teaching a congenital idiot. There is no persuading a man like the former Kaiser of Germany that he was not born to rule

He can and has been persuaded that he will not be allowed to rule the world, but he still thinks that was his

Find out the things you can do and try with all your strength to do them. But when you find one of science's stone walls ahead, turn in another direction. You will injure your head severely by butting it and you will never loosen a rock in the wall,

#### Words From the Wise What makes old age so sad is,

not that our joys but that our hopes then cease,-Richter. The greatest luxury of riches

is that they enable you to escape so much good advice. The rich are always advising the poor; but the poor seldom venture to return the compliment. -Sir Arthur Helps.

Steam in no stronger now than it was a hundred years ago, but if is put to better use.

-Emerson.

### TURNING THE PAGES E. W. Osborn

Sogreight, 1921, by the Prose Publishing Of CPRINGTIME in our village! Between a dawn and night The orchards gray but yester-

Came out in pink and white, Like little bridesmaids all bedecked

springtime in our village! Through all the countryside From bough and using the robins fling A carol glorified, Like lusty little choristers Who sing before the bride

Springtime in our villagg! Oh, heart of mine, be gay! The lass that frowned the season if round Hath found her mirth in May.

And all of Spring is but the ring About our wedding day. So sings Theodosia Garrison, offering "A Wedding Song" in "As the Larks Rise" (Putnam), her latest vol-

The Frendian Way in Politics . . .

ame of published verse.

In a chapter on "Sublimation," in his new book on applied psycho-analysis, "Getting What We Want" (Harpers), Dr. David Orr Edson

The respectable citizen who grows profane and purple of face over the deplorable condition into which the present Administration is forcing his city. State or Nation is not of necessity an Amarchist or an endmy to the Republic.

His wife, or his friend, or his office boy, or his employer, has blocked him in his struggle To Ba Great. He reachieves greatness by hammering not the real offender but those set in government over him.

him.

Were he unable to take advantage of the political complex would be forced back into the are chaic for satisfaction and eventually might achieve a lower order of greatness by beating his wife or assaulting his employer.

We used to call it letting off steam when we called the other fellow names according to his politics. It does not sound simpler when raised to Freudian terms. Laughing the Raven Out of Gloom . . .

Herbert W. Collingwood, entertain ing a rural audience in the district school house one January night, was urged to earn his \$2.50 by wringing laughter from a certain surly hired man. He worked in vain until, by request, he recited Poe's poem "The Raven." In his book "Hope Farm Notes" (Harcourt, Brace & Co.) he tells what followed:

No one, not even the author, ever considered "The Raven" as a humorous poem, but it struck the hired man that way.

I had cracked jokes in and out of dialect. I had "made fases" and played the clown generally without affecting the hired man. Yet, at the third, repetition of "Quoth the Raven—Nevermore!" the hired man exploded with a roar that shook the building, and the rest of the entertainment was one long laugh for him.

him.

The rest of the audience joined with him, and long after the meeting closed and the lanterns twinkled down the dark and muddy roads, you could hear roars of laughter from the farmers as they journeyed home.

The minister told me in the spring that his people had received a great spiritual uplifting during the winter. He gave no credit whatever to Pos and the hired man.

The hired man, of course, was a Pollyannistic optimist engaged in laughing the "Nevermore" off the

Industry needs more of his kind.

The Birth of the Peach - - -

The bamboo-cutter, in far-off India, sits by the river to rest and summons to him the beautiful pink peach that floats on the stream. Listen to the rest of the tale as it is told in "Savitri and Other Women" (Put-nam) by Marjorio Strachey;

To his surprise and delight the peach seemed to hear and obey his words; it floated toward him and he was soon able to take it from

he was soon able to take it from
the stream.

He immediately prepared to eat
it, and pulling out his knife cut it
in half, when to his amazement he
discovered that in the place where
the stone should have been there
was a tiny child, beautifully shaped,
and giving forth a dazzing white
light.

Enchanted at his discovery he ran
home immediately, earrying the little creature as carefully as he could,
and intrusted her to his wife to feed
and tend.

and intrusted her to his wife to reco-aind tend.

Lovely as she was she was ex-tremely frail and tender, and at first she had to be placed in a bas-ket to keep her safe. But she grow supprisingly fast, and in three months—wonderful to relate!—she was as 'all and well developed as a

was as tall and well developed as a girl of sixteen.

Nor could the whole world show her equal; for there was no gloom in any corner of the house which her brightness did not dispel, and no angry word was ever spoken in it while she was there.

Her beauty increased every day, and the old bamboo cutter called her Kaguya. the Precious Slender Bamboo of the Field of Autum.

So here we have the miracle story of the origin of that princess of girls the Peach, as she is known adored to-day by men of many ! and, not least, by those of Manhat-

Beauty and the Beast Education . . . Arnold Bennett, having discovered a certain school for girls of caste, in London, writes of it, in "Things That Have Interested Me" (Doran), as fol-

This school, which moved over here from Paris during the warmand will shortly move back again counts among the most fashionable establishments of the kind. It has twenty-eight pupils.

Miranda told us that there were no rules. I discovered, however, that there was at any rate one. Namely, that pupils, out alone, may not acknowledge schules from male acquaintances in the street.

I asked Miranda whether, if I met her, she would not. Mistresson and pupils rise at

about \$.30 A. M., but Miranda risea on hour earlier in order to provide the plane, of which he is very fond. She "learns" eather but muse and French. Nothing She shares a bedroom with three other girls.

All the pupits are English; but only French may be spoken in the presence of mistresses, who nevertheless are beloved.

1 should say that such a school would "linish" any girl unless she impresend to have a very powerful and unfinishable personality.

An educational system bessed on

An educational system based on In sexample would do little for the

But how it would have blasted the Te-Day of the militant Suffraget.